



\$ Save a Watt – Save a Lot \$ Conserve Energy & Prevent Pollution

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Tel 617-367-8558 Fax 617-367-0449 www.newmoa.org WHEREAS, the Northeastern State Environmental and Energy Agency Commissioners and Directors, the EPA Region 1-New England and Region 2 Administrators, and the Department of Energy Regional Directors believe that conserving energy and utilizing clean power are critical to the future and an essential way to prevent pollution.

And, WHEREAS

- · the Northeast states have committed to taking action to reduce the region's emissions of heat-trapping gases and to build the foundation for a longer-term shift to cleaner and more efficient ways of using energy;
- the energy that we conserve directly contributes to improvements in air quality, visibility, environmental quality and public health; and lessens global climate impacts;
- · the development, investment, and consumption of renewable energy sources, including solar, wind, hydrogen fuel cells, and biomass among others can provide direct economic and environmental benefits to the region;
- · green building design provides long term benefits by reducing energy consumption while working in concert with the natural environment, thereby incorporating the principles of sustainable development;
- federal, state, and local government agencies are increasingly and successfully involved with promoting energy conservation, pollution prevention, and the development and use of renewable energy sources;
- promotional programs, such as Energy Star, offer consumers, businesses, and institutions products that reduce energy use;
- businesses of all sizes who implement energy conservation and pollution prevention measures have lowered costs and improved their economic competitiveness;
- many schools, hospitals, universities, non-profits, faith-based organizations, and other institutions have chosen to purchase green power thereby lowering the environmental and health impacts from the power they use;
- · consumers are beginning to exercise energy conscious choices by purchasing highly efficient and alternative fuel vehicles, such as hybrid cars, compressed natural gas powered vehicles, and electric vehicles;

THEREFORE, Environmental officials in the Northeast hereby proclaim September 16-22, 2002 as Pollution Prevention Week and encourage all citizens to "Save a Watt and Save a Lot to Conserve Energy and Prevent Pollution."

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